IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:)	
**	:	Examiner: A. Elamin
KOJI FUKUNAGA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2116
Application No.: 09/025,133)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9220
Filed: February 17, 1998)	
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For: DATA TRANSMISSION)	
APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND	:	
METHOD, AND IMAGE)	
PROCESSING APPARATUS	:	December 29, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed December 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,689,244, which is believed to be an English-language counterpart to JP 8-70486 (which was cited in the December 19th IDS). The U.S. patent is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, but no copy of the U.S. patent document is attached, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

This document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated December 1, 2006, was previously submitted.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each

document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication

from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months

prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the December 19th

IDS erroneously listed JP 8-70486 as JP "7-70496". The Form PTO-1449 which

accompanies this IDS correctly lists both the U.S. and Japanese documents.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form

an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has

been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Expedited treatment of is again respectfully requested, as the issue fee in

this case is due February 14, 2007.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA

office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-

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